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STRUCTURE FIRE

A grass fire spread to a shed and damaged a home Monday. No one was injured in the fire.

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WINLESS NO MORE

The Eastern volleyball team won its first match of the season Monday, sweeping Tennessee State.

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Still life painting



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Kyla Kyles, a sophomore graphic design major, works on a still life for a Painting I class Monday evening in the Dounda Fine Arts Center. "This is my first time working with oil paint so it's challenging but I'm enjoying it," Kyles said.

Women's issues to be highlighted by CEVO

Staff Report | @DEN_news

The Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism will focus on women's issues for the Activism Series events in March.

The office will kick off their events March 22 at 7 p.m. with a movie watching event. The event will feature "Knock Down the House." The event will focus on Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and female grassroots senate campaigns during the 2018 election season.

A living room conversation will also be had on Women in Society on March 25 at 7 p.m.

According to the website, "The intention of this dialogue is to discuss the experiences of women in American society, barriers and stereotypes we live with, and ways we can support each other moving forward."

The office will also host the Womxn Up Conference on March 26 from 1 to 4:15 p.m.

The session topics will include womxn of color, intersectionality, womxn's health. Those who sign up for the event will receive a free t-shirt.

An activism chat will also be held on March 30 at 2 p.m.

Three speakers will present on related topics in a Ted Talk format. The topics are the history of women's rights, the oppression of BIPOC women and women in the LGBTQIA+ community.

All events are free. Those interested in registering for them can do so by visiting the Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism office.

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Eastern students share thoughts about National Get Over It Day

By Ryan Meyer
Staff Reporter | @DEN_news

March 9 is National Get Over It Day, a day dedicated to letting problems pass and, well, getting over it.

Nationaldaycalendar.com says that "it" can be anything from a traffic jam to an argument with a loved one. The website also says that the holiday can be observed by moving on from minor burdens and looking ahead with a positive outlook.

"Say goodbye to the worry of the 'if on-lys' and 'what ifs' and look forward to days with a more positive attitude," it reads.

The holiday appears to have been started in 2005 by Jeff Goldblatt, who was struggling to get over an ex-girlfriend. According to thewhatevnetwork.com, which is linked in the calendar post, Get Over It Day falls on the midpoint between Valentine's Day and April Fool's Day.

When Goldblatt realized the relatability of his idea, he wrote the "GetOverIt-Day.com's Purpose and Perspective Poem," which contained the following part:

"It's ALL Part of Life; It Will Help You Grow Stronger, But This 'Pity Party' of Yours, Can't Last Any Longer. Make TO-

"Getting over it in my opinion means to find a way to move on or to at least be content with whatever is going on."

-Adam Schmidt, sophomore

DAY the day, that you Finally Say: 'Screw That! It's Done! It's GET OVER IT DAY!'"

Adam Schmidt, sophomore hospitality and tourism management major, shared his thoughts on what students might be getting over and what getting over something means to him.

"Getting over it in my opinion means to find a way to move on or to at least be content with whatever is going on," Schmidt said.

Schmidt also listed academic performance or relationships as things that are affecting students.

"For some it might be a bad grade on a test, some people might be going through a breakup and (for) others it might be the death of a loved one," Schmidt said. "There's a wide array of things students are going through."

Although these are serious topics, the calendar entry also mentions that the holiday can be observed by getting over trivial matters such as "spilled milk or traffic."

Brian Barrett, sophomore sport management major, said that the events of the past year could be something students are trying to get over.

"I think students have had a tough time getting over the fact that things are different than they were a year ago," Barrett said. "I think sometimes, myself included, we wish we could just go back to what was 'normal' instead of making the most of the life we have today."

One of Schmidt's ways of getting over things involves talking to others or exercising.

Monthly non-profit drive announced

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The Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism has announced their monthly non-profit drive will benefit Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois.

The office website says "The Children's Advocacy Center provides a safe, child-focused environment for physically and sexually abused children as well as advocacy and case management."

Items for donation can be dropped off from March 15 through March 26. The items can be delivered to the Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism.

High priority donation items include: backpacks & reusable bags, gallon & quart-sized ziplock bags, bath towels, bedding, blankets, & pillows, toiletries & hair brushes, gas cards & restaurant gift cards.

Students who donate will be entered into a drawing for dining dollars.

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Biden order could change the way colleges handle sex misconduct

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a first step toward reversing a contentious Trump administration policy, President Joe Biden on Monday ordered his administration to review federal rules guiding colleges in their handling of campus sexual assaults.

In an executive order, Biden directed the Education Department to examine rules that the Trump administration issued around Title IX, the federal law that forbids sex discrimination in education. Biden directed the agency to "consider suspending, revising or rescinding" any policies that fail to protect students.

Biden also signed a second executive order formally establishing the White House Gender Policy Council, which his transition team had announced before he took office.

"The policy of this administration is that every individual, every student is entitled to a fair education — free of sexual violence — and that all involved have access to a fair process," Jennifer Klein, co-chair and executive director of the Gender Policy Council, told reporters at a White House briefing.

The orders were issued on International Women's Day, a global celebration marking the achievements of women.

Both measures had been expected from Biden, who focused on gender equity during his campaign and previously promised to put an "immediate" end to rules that were finalized last year by former Education Secretary Betsy DeVos.

DeVos' policy made sweeping changes to the way colleges respond to sexual harassment and assault, with provisions that bolster the rights of the accused and narrow the scope of cases schools are required to address. It was seen as a swing away from Obama-era guidance that focused on protecting victims of sexual misconduct.

Among other changes, DeVos' rules narrowed the definition of sexual harassment, reduced the legal liability of colleges investigating sexual misconduct claims and gave accused students the right to cross-examine their accusers through a representative at live campus hearings.

Biden's order for a review drew praise from civil rights groups that say DeVos' policy has had a chilling effect on the reporting of sexual assaults, and also from colleges that say the rules are overly prescriptive and burdensome to follow.

Myanmar protesters defy curfew; media outlets ordered shut

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Demonstrators in Myanmar's biggest city came out Monday night for their first mass protests in defiance of an 8 p.m. curfew, seeking to show support for an estimated 200 students trapped by security forces in a small area of one neighborhood.

The students and other civilians earlier took part in one of the many daily protests across the country against the military's seizure of power last month that ousted the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi.

The military government also placed a major curb on media coverage of the crisis. It announced that the licenses of five local media outlets — Mizzima, DVB, Khit Thit Media, Myanmar Now and 7Day News — have been canceled.

All five had been offering extensive coverage of the protests, often with livestreaming video online. The offices

of Myanmar Now were raided by the authorities Monday before the measure was announced. The government has detained dozens of journalists since the coup, including a Myanmar Now reporter and Thein Zaw of The Associated Press, both of whom have been charged under a public order law that carried a penalty of up to three years in prison.

The night's street protests began after police cordoned off part of Yangon's Sanchaung neighborhood and were believed to be conducting door-to-door searches for those who fled attacks by security forces to seek shelter in the homes of sympathetic strangers.

News of their plight spread quickly on social media, and people poured into the streets in neighborhoods all over the city to show solidarity and in hopes of drawing some of the pressure off the hunted protesters.

Fully vaccinated people can gather without masks, CDC says

NEW YORK (AP) — Fully vaccinated Americans can gather with other vaccinated people indoors without wearing a mask or social distancing, according to long-awaited guidance from federal health officials.

The recommendations also say

that vaccinated people can come together in the same way — in a single household — with people considered at low-risk for severe disease, such as in the case of vaccinated grandparents visiting healthy children and grandchildren.

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Firefighters work to extinguish a grass fire that spread to a structure on Cozy Lane Monday afternoon. The fire burned about an acre of land and damaged a shed and the siding of the home on the property.

Shed, home damaged in structure fire Monday

By Corryn Brock
News Editor | @corryn_brock

A structure fire at 14819 Cozy Lane started from a grass fire, according to Fred Reynolds, district chief for the Lincoln Fire Protection District.

The grass fire burned approximately an acre of land.

The fire damaged a shed and the siding of the home that was being renovated by Chris Norman.

"I was remodeling it because the house is old and I'm trying to move in myself and start my own family," Norman said.

Norman said he was burning wood in the morning with his mother and left for Mattoon af-

ter extinguishing it. He said he believes it reignited while he was in Mattoon.

Alicia Morecraft, a neighbor, said she saw her neighbors start a fire in the morning before leaving for a meeting at her children's school.

By the time she returned home she says the fire was by a propane tank and was concerned about it exploding. However, Norman said the tank was empty so there was no danger.

"As soon as I get home I see a fire and I'm like 'oh my gosh, let me get all of my kids and go,'" Morecraft said. "I was freaking out because I pulled up wondering what the heck was going on and

that's what it was."

Morecraft's daughter called 911 and as they waited for LFPD to arrive at the scene she heard two loud noises.

Reynolds said it was likely the popping sounds heard by Morecraft came from within the shed.

"My guess is probably something inside of the shed. It could have been a propane tank, it could have been fires. A lot of times those tires expand then pop and make big booms so that's probably what it was although I haven't been inside there to be able to say for sure," Reynolds said.

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Faculty Senate to meet Tuesday afternoon

Staff Report | @DEN_news

The Faculty Senate will meet Tuesday at 2 p.m. via Zoom.

The meeting's agenda was not posted as of 9:40 Monday night but the meeting is expected to hear reports on the Executive Committee, Elections and Nominations, the Student

Senate, the Student and Staff Relations Committee, the Awards Committee, the Faculty Forum Committee and Budget Transparency, a Chair Report from Don Holly and a report from Provost Jay Gattrell.

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"I think one of the best ways in my opinion is to talk to someone about it. And if it's something you can't really talk about then maybe consider working out," Schmidt said. "Those are just things I do to help me."

Barrett also said talking to friends can help when going through a hard time.

"Talk to people, find a trusted friend and just let them hear it," Barrett said. "Talking through things with people who care about you can help tremendously. Even if it doesn't solve your problem, in my experience it makes me feel a lot better."

Valen Fulton, a junior 2D studio art major, also offered advice for students who "struggle with getting over issues with relationships, that includes significant other, family and/or friendships."

"Some advice I have is reminding yourself of how much you are truly worth and I have the logic

that if you were fine before them you will be fine after them, it will just take some time to heal," Fulton said.

Both Schmidt and Fulton don't necessarily agree with the term "getting over it," however, and offered their reasonings as to why.

"Bottling up emotions and things you're going through is not very healthy," Schmidt said. "Eventually you're just going to snap."

"I don't believe in the statement 'just get over it,'" Fulton said. "I believe everything takes time and that everyone's feelings are valid."

Barrett also said that the term "get over it" may be OK when talking to a group of friends, but that it may not be the most helpful expression.

"In general I think caution should be taken when saying things like that," Barrett said. "More than likely the person is trying so simply telling them to get over it probably isn't going to help anything."

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OPINIONS

STAFF EDITORIAL

COVID vaccines are working, so get one as soon as it is available

It has been a very long year, and COVID-19 has likely affected almost every person in the country in one way or another.

But some good news regarding the virus has been trickling in recently, and that news is concerning the availability and effectiveness of COVID vaccines.

Vaccine distribution is on the rise, and they are being proven to be effective in battling the virus.

According to ABC News, the two-dose vaccines produced by Pfizer and Moderna are both about 95 percent effective in preventing COVID-19 after both doses have been administered. Johnson and Johnson's single-shot vaccine is 66 percent effective in preventing moderate and severe cases of the virus, but is 85 percent effective in preventing

severe cases.

Not only are the vaccines working, but those who have been fully vaccinated are now able to return some kind of normalcy in their lives.

The CDC said Monday that people who have been vaccinated are able to gather in small groups with others who have been vaccinated without wearing masks or social distancing.

We at The Daily Eastern News strongly urge everyone to get vaccinated as soon as they can.

The vaccines are safe, effective and represent an incredible scientific achievement.

Of course, until you are vaccinated, continue wearing a mask and social distancing. But hopefully these will become things of the past in the not too distant future.

COLUMN

'The Killing Fields:' a great film with a great purpose

Some movies have a hard time accomplishing what they set out to do.

This is especially true of films that have a large list of things that they wish to accomplish.

In his 1984 movie "The Killing Fields," director Roland Joffé tried to examine many things, and succeeded greatly.

The film mainly deals with war, failures in American foreign policy, the personal rolls of violence and journalistic ethics.

Most movies would be content making a statement on just one of these things, and fail miserably in trying to make a statement on them all.

This makes the success of "The Killing Fields" even more impressive.

Based on a true story, it tells the story of American journalist Sydney Schanberg, played here by Sam Waterston.

Schanberg is in Cambodia in 1975, covering the fighting between government forces and the Khmer Rouge.

He is aided by a local journalist and translator Dith Pran, played by Haing S. Ngor.

When the Khmer Rouge succeed in



Adam Tumino

taking control of the country, Schanberg and Pran have an opportunity to flee. Schanberg and some other members of the press decide to stay behind, and although Pran's family escapes, he remains behind as well.

But the men underestimated the brutality of the Khmer Rouge, and after Pran saves Schanberg and others from execution, they take refuge inside the French embassy.

Things seem to be going relatively well until Pran and the other Cambodians in the embassy are kicked out and handed over to the Khmer Rouge.

This is all in the first half of the film, and the rest deals with Schanberg's guilt for endangering Pran's life, but mostly fo-

cuses on Pran's struggle to survive in the brutal concentration camp he is sent to.

Ngor won an Oscar for his portrayal of Pran, despite not being an actor before this movie.

In fact, Ngor's own life story is tragically similar to that of his character.

He was a doctor in Cambodia before being sent to a camp when the Khmer Rouge seized control, eventually winding up in a refugee camp in Thailand.

He said that playing Pran was his way of telling the story of what happened in his country, a promise he made to his wife before she died in the concentration camp.

For those unaware, the Khmer Rouge killed more than 2 million people between 1975 and 1979 in one of the most devastating genocides in world history.

"The Killing Fields" tells the story well, filling it with strong emotions and dynamic characters.

The only thing better than a great movie is a great movie with a purpose.

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Panthers sweep Tigers Monday for 1st win

By Adam Tumino
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The Eastern volleyball team is winless no more.

The Panthers snapped a nine-match losing streak to begin the season with a sweep of Tennessee State Monday at home, marking their first win since November 2019.

It was also the first time the Panthers swept an opponent since October 2018.

Eastern head coach Sarah Thomas, in her first season with the Panthers, said she was proud of the team for getting the win, which was also her first victory as a college head coach.

"I'm very proud," she said. "All of their hard work and their discipline and trust in our process, it just showed. And now to get this first win under our belt together shows them that what we're building here is working. I couldn't be more proud of all of them, because it took every single one of these girls to help us get there."

As for the match itself, Eastern took the first set for the second-straight day against the Tigers. Senior outside hitter Laurel Bailey led the team with 6 kills in the set, setting the tone for what would be perhaps her best match of the season.

The difference between Sunday's loss and the win Monday was how the Panthers performed in the second set.

On Sunday, Eastern was unable to keep the momentum going forward into set two, dropping it 25-16.



ADAM TUMINO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Eastern volleyball team celebrates on the court Monday afternoon after picking up their first win of the season. The Panthers swept Tennessee State, winning the sets by scores of 25-20, 25-23 and 25-23.

This was not the case Monday, as the Panthers took the closely-contested set 25-23.

They took set three by the same score, clinching the win on a service ace from freshman Elisavet Pappageorgiou.

Bailey ended the match with a game-high 19 kills. This was two kills shy of her season-high set on Sunday, which she needed 5 sets to reach.

Bailey now ranks sixth in the OVC in both kills per set and points per set.

She said getting the first win of her final season was special.

"It just feels so good," Bailey said. "In my senior season, it means a lot to finally have a win. Hopefully we can continue into next week, and we're going to work hard this week in practice."

Thomas said that Bailey's leadership had been important this since, especially since Bailey is the only senior on the roster.

"She's our only senior, so we look to her definitely as that go to player," Thomas said. "She's really stepped into that role and is embracing it, especially with it being her last season, she wants to end on a really high note and leave a good

foundation for our program. She's really bought into it."

Bailey said that she took advantage of leadership opportunities this season knowing that she would be the most experienced player on the team.

"Being the only senior just kind of gives me a different perspective to help give my knowledge to the underclassmen and kind of leave my legacy to this program."

It was not just Bailey that produced on offense for the Panthers Monday.

Junior Danielle Allen set a new career-high with 12 kills to finish

second on the team.

Freshman libero Christina Martinez Mundo, who set a new season high with 27 digs Sunday, equaled that number in two fewer sets.

As a team, the Panthers won a total of five sets in the last two matches against Tennessee State. Last season, Eastern won just 5 total sets in 16 conference matches.

Eastern will be on the road for its next two matches March 14 and 15 against Murray State. Both matches will start at 6 p.m.

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Baseball team to host Bellarmine for home opener



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern redshirt-senior Alex Stevenson makes a pickoff throw to first base during a scrimmage in practice on Oct. 8, 2020.

By Adam Tumino
Editor-in-Chief | @adam_tumino

After a long road stint to open the season, the Eastern baseball team will play its first home game of the season Tuesday when they host Bellarmine at 2:30 p.m.

The Panthers come home with a 7-5 record this season, having just taken a three-game series against Kansas State over the weekend.

Eastern won the last two games against the Wildcats, winning 6-5 Saturday and taking Sunday's finale 14-7.

Redshirt-sophomore shortstop Trey Sweeney drove in two runs

in each of the three games against Kansas State and was named OVC Player of the Week Monday for his efforts.

In his last five games, Sweeney slashed .400/.478/.800 with a double, a home run, 2 triples 2 stolen bases, 5 runs scored and 8 RBI.

Sweeney leads the OVC in slugging, RBI, runs scored and total bases this season.

Graduate student Dane Toppel leads both the team and the conference this season with his .419 batting average and redshirt-sophomore Logan Eickhoff leads the OVC with 18 hits.

Some of Eastern's top pitchers this season have been redshirt-sophomore Cameron Doherty and redshirt-junior Trevor Nicholson.

Doherty currently ranks fourth in the conference with a 2.19 ERA while Nicholson ranks sixth with an ERA of 2.70.

Nicholson also ranks fourth in innings pitched (16.2) and second in strikeouts (21).

Doherty, along with redshirt-senior Alex Stevenson, is tied for the conference lead with 2 saves this season.

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